

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated November 14, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 are hereby amended. Claims 4 and 5 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at Specification, page 8, line 24, to page 9, line 2; page 17, line 15, to page 18, line 3. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 6-10 are currently pending, of which claims 8-10 are withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action requires a new abstract of the disclosure, because the abstract does not commence on a separate sheet. Applicants submit a new abstract on a separate sheet with this paper.

The Office Action objects to claims 4 and 5 for minor informalities. Claims 4 and 5 are canceled, so the objection of these claims is moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/005891 to Ko et al. (*Ko*). Claims 4 and 5 are canceled, so the rejection of these claims is moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, and 7.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim elements must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *Ko* fails to teach or suggest all the elements of claims 1-3, 6, and 7, and thus, cannot render these claims obvious.

Amended claim 1 recites, “a thermally decomposable organic silane compound represented by the following Chemical Formula 1 ... $R^1_p R^2_{3-p} Si-L-Si R^3_q R^4_{3-q}$ [Chemical Formula 1] wherein... L is polyalkyleneoxide.” *Ko* fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of claim 1. In fact, the Office Action admits that *Ko* fails to teach feature of claim 1. See, *Office Action*, page 4. Instead, *Ko* discloses formula “ $R^3_p Y^{3-p} Si-M-Si R^4_q Z^{3-q}$ ”, wherein “M is an

alkylene or arylene group.” *Ko*, ¶0029. Alkylene and arylene are monomers, and polyalkyleneoxide is a polymer and has repeating unit alkyleneoxide. Alkylene and arylene are materially different from polyalkyleneoxide. There is no teaching or suggestion in *Ko* that alkylene or arylene could be replaced with a polymer such as polyalkyleneoxide. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over *Ko*. Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 variously depend from claim 1, and thus, are also patentable over *Ko* for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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